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## Dr. Richard Myron Shiff, 93, optometrist



Dr. Richard Myron Shiff, age 93, retired Plymouth and Duxbury optometrist, long active in community affairs, died at Jordan Hospital on Dec. 14. Born on Sept. 1, 1917, he was the son of the late Jacob S. and Fannie D. Shiff

of Duxbury, and the youngest brother of the late Victor A., Helen L. and Philip B. Shiff. Dr. Shiff was a graduate of Duxbury High School, class of 1933, and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, class of 1941. From 1942 to 1947 he served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, opening his own practice in Plymouth and Duxbury in the following year. He retired in 1982.

Dr. Shiff was active in social groups in both Duxbury and Plymouth, including Rotary International, The Jordan Hospital Advisory Board,

the Plymouth Historic District Commission, national and state Optometry Societies and the MSPCA, of which he was a longtime member, receiving the Appleton Award in 1999.

Dr. Shiff was also a benefactor of the Plymouth Public Library, Jordan Hospital, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Tanglewood Music Center, Yale University, Brandeis University and Mass. General Hospital.

He leaves his nephew Robert Haskill Shiff and a niece, Elizabeth Vlahos, and their families.

Funeral arrangements have been made by the Shepherd Funeral Home, Kingston. A committal service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 at the Mayflower Cemetery, followed by a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. at the First Parish Church, Unitarian Universalist, Duxbury. A reception, immediately following the service, will be held in the Harvey Assembly Hall. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.